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SUBJ: LOS: SEABED COMMITTEE: WORKING GROUP 2 OF

SUBCOMMITTEE III-MARINE POLLUTION-31 JULY

1. WG DISCUSSED NATIONAL POLLUTION STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO AREA ADJACENT TO STATE AND TO VESSELS IN SUCH AREAS (WG WILL RETURN TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND BODY COMPETENT TO SET THEM AFTER CONSIDERATION OF COASTAL AND FLAG STATE RIGHTS.)

2. CANADA, VENEZUELA, AUSTRALIA, ARGENTINA AND TANZANIA SUPPORTED COASTAL STATE RIGHT TO SET VESSEL STANDARDS THOUGH SOME SUGGESTED CHANGES TO CANADIAN ARTICLE IV (WHICH BECAME FOCUS OF ATTENTION OF PROPONENTS OF THAT VIEW), E.G., ARGENTINA NOTED NEED TO REFLECT FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION BEYOND TERRITORIAL SEA BUT WITHIN NATIONAL JURISDICTION.

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3. UK, NORWAY, FRANCE GREECE AND JAPAN SUPPORTED INTERNATIONAL

STANDARDS AND OPPOSED COASTAL STATE STANDARDS CITING
ARBITRARINESS AND INCONSISTENCY AS REASONS.

4. MALTA SUGGESTED THAT THE FEAR OF INADEQUATE
INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ON THE ONE HAND AND OF MULTITUDE
OF STANDARDS ON THE OTHER COULD BE BRIDGED BY REFERENCE
TO INTERNATIONAL ADJUDICATING BODY.

5. USSR REP STATED THAT STATES CAN ESTABLISH STANDARDS
TO PREVENT POLLUTION WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS
BEING TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. QUERIED SIZE OF CANADIAN AND
FRENCH POLLUTION ZONES AND AUSTRALIA'S "AREA". (CHAIRMAN
SAID ZONES WOULD BE DISCUSSED LATER.)

6. SPAIN FAVORED COMPROMISE BETWEEN EXTREMES.

7. THERE FOLLOWED A LENGTHY PROCEDURAL DEBATE CONCERNING
A SUGGESTION BY THE CHAIRMAN THAT STATES FAVORING
COASTAL STATE STANDARDS COULD NORMALLY DRAFT A JOINT
TEXT AND SUBSEQUENTLY THOSE FAVORING THE OPPOSING VIEW-
POINT COULD ALSO DRAW UP A JOINT ALTERNATIVE TEXT.
DISPUTE CONCERNED ADJOURNING WG EARLY TO MAKE TIME
FOR SUCH DRAFTING; WHETHER BOTH GROUPS SHOULD MEET
SIMULTANEOUSLY; WHETHER LATTER GROUP SHOULD AWAIT WORK
OF FORMER; WHETHER ONE INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUP SHOULD TRY
TO REACH AN AGREED TEXT AND ONLY IF IT FAILS, TO
HAVE OPPOSING GROUPS MEET SEPARATELY. MEETING ADJOURNED
AT END OF ALLOTTED TIME WITH TANZANIA INVITING THOSE WHO
FAVORED COASTAL STATE STANDARDS TO MEET AFTERWARDS.

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